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ACTIVE CAMPAIGN IN BEHALF OF SCHOOL

President Eggleston Working Hard to Increase Roll of Students.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Blacksburg, Va., July 27.—By invitation of President Eggleston, seven members of the faculty of the William and Mary summer school, now being held at Dublin Institute, spent a part of Saturday at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. After lunch had been served in the dining hall of the college, the visitors were taken in automobiles over the grounds and through as many of the departments as time would allow. They expressed themselves as much pleased with what they saw and were appreciative of the courtesies shown them. The teachers were accompanied to Blacksburg by the baseball team of the summer school, and an eight-inning game was played between this team and that of the Blacksburg league, resulting in a victory for the visitors by a score of 2 to 3.

There is nothing of missummer dullness about the administration building of the Institute just now, as work looking forward to the opening of the session in September is going forward with a rush. President Eggleston is at his office every day from 9 till 5, and has entered upon the most extensive campaign of advertising ever attempted here. While it is yet too early to forecast with any degree of certainty the number of students that will enter for the first term, indications

are that there will be a considerable increase over that of the first months of the last session.

Dr. Edwin B. Fred, bacteriologist at the V. P. I., has resigned this position to accept a position as assistant bacteriologist at the University of Wisconsin, and will leave for his new field of work the latter part of August. Dr. Fred spent the session of 1911-12 at the University of Goettingen, where he received the degree of Ph. D., and has been acting bacteriologist here for the past year. He is also a graduate of the college and his recent promotion to a wider field, and one offering more advantages, is a source of pleasure to his friends.

Professors William G. Conner and W. H. Rusche are now absent on a visit of inspection to the principal machine shops and manufacturing plants in the East and North. This visit is made with reference to the equipping of the new machine shops that are to be built here with the very best in the way of modern machinery.

Frank L. Roberson, of the department of physics, V. P. I., has just returned to the college from New York, where he spent the past session at Columbia University in special work, leave of absence from this having been granted him by the board of visitors.

President Eggleston, Dr. S. W. Fletcher, director of the Virginia experiment station, Dean H. L. Price, Professors Lyman Carrier and Thomas R. Hutcheson have been appointed as delegates to the International Conference of Agricultural Colleges to be held in Tulsa, Okla., on October 22.

JUDGE STAPLES WELL INDORSED

Friends Confident He Will Get Place on Supreme Bench.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Pulaski, Va., July 27.—Judge Waller B. Staples, of Roanoke, has the unanimous indorsement of the Pulaski County bar for the Supreme Court bench, to succeed Judge John A. Buchanan, who retires in 1914. In fact, he has practically the entire indorsement of the bars in this judicial district for the position and his friends are very sanguine as to his appointment by the next Legislature. The bars of Grayson and Carroll Counties have given their full indorsement, and nearly every member of the Wythe County bar.

Judge Staples, it is asserted by his friends, has made a splendid record as judge of the Corporation Court of Roanoke city, where he has presided in many important trials, and especially so in the counties where he has been designated to hold court from time to time. His manner on the bench is always courteous, and his rulings on all questions are prompt.

Judge Staples is a nephew of the late Waller B. Staples, a former member of the Supreme Court, whose record is so well known.

New Postal Depositories.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Washington, July 27.—According to announcement made by the Post-Office Department to-day, the following post-offices in Virginia will become postal savings depositories on September 2: Danville, Covington and Kenbridge.

Death Seems Certain.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Lynchburg, Va., July 27.—The condition of David Cooper, of Baltimore, who was shot in Annerst Court last Tuesday night by two automobilists, continues unchanged, tonight at the Lynchburg Hospital. While there has been slight improvement, the injury to his spine seems to make certain his ultimate death.

Greek Seriously Cut.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Lynchburg, Va., July 27.—In a fight in a Greek restaurant late Saturday night, St. P. Marmora, the proprietor, was cut four times with a knife and William H. Powell was arrested, charged with the assault. While seriously hurt, the Greek's injuries will not be fatal.

Missionary to Cuba.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Lynchburg, Va., July 27.—Rev. William L. Burner, an alumnus of the Virginia Christian College, has been appointed missionary to Cuba, where he goes on behalf of the Disciples of Christ in the autumn. Mrs. Burner will accompany her husband to the mission field. Mr. Burner is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Burner, of Shenandoah County, and he formerly held a pastorate in Fluvanna County.

"Blind Tiger" Rattled.
 [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
 Lynchburg, Va., July 27.—The police to-day raided a lively stable here, locating a full-fledged "blind tiger," and arrested Stokes Beverly, charged with selling liquor without a license.

Odds and Ends From the Wire

BATH STEWED THE MULES.

Somebody had turned on steam and water was hot.
 Ashland, Pa., July 27.—When three mules were being driven into a tank at the St. Nicholas Colliery for their weekly bath, they balked. One ran away and the second mule fell dead in the water, while the third will die.

Upon investigation of the tank it was found that the water was boiling, hot steam having been sent into the tank during the day without the knowledge of the drivers.

TREMORS OVER GOOD JOB.

Pittsburgh Schools So Embarrassed Becht Hesitates to Head Them.

Clarion, Pa., July 27.—The United States Express Company is trying to solve a trunk mystery, and at the same time would like to discover the identity of an evident joker. Some months ago a man called at the Philadelphia office of the company and asked for a certain trunk. The agent said: "Yes, sir, it's here." When the man found what the charge against the trunk was he hesitated to accept because of the recklessness, hotbed of corrupt and deluding policies which enmesh the position.

ATHLETE IN TRIPLE RESCUE.

South Bethlehem, Pa., July 27.—Victor J.

FIVE BOLTS HIT ONE HOUSE.

Lightning Plays With Legislator's Home for an Hour.

Fayetteville, Ark., July 27.—In an electrical storm the home of J. W. Baxter, a member of the State Legislature, was struck by lightning five times within one hour.

The first bolt knocked off a chimney, the second entered through a telephone, and knocked Baxter unconscious. He had hardly been revived when the third knocked his wife senseless. The fourth stunned his mother and the fifth knocked the house from its foundation.

CAMERA'S EYE CATCHES CRIME.

Mixed in Scene Focused, Photographer Saw Stabbing.

Pittsburgh, July 27.—While making a photograph of the Monongahela Valley from a hill overlooking Braddock, Ray Calvert, of Swissvale, saw focused on the ground a man with a knife in his hand, lifting to attack another. In his excitement the photographer fell over an embankment, breaking his machine.

Calvert notified the police and they arrived on the scene in time to find Anthony Calvert, a young man, with a dozen stab wounds in his body. He had been robbed of \$15 by a fellow-countryman. The high-tension assault was in a serious condition.

DOG WILDLY DRIVES HORSE.

Yanks on Lines When Alone and Runaway Results.

York, Pa., July 27.—A hot bull pup in the rig of W. B. High, left standing before the home of a patient, yanked the reins with its teeth and caused six-year-old Rosa Gray, endangering a number of persons in its course.

The vehicle finally collided with a tree and the horse was badly hurt. The dog, which had calmly maintained its seat, came through unscathed.

AN AND MULE KILL CHILDREN.

Farmer Loses Three Little Ones in Series of Mishaps.

Birmingham, Ala., July 27.—George Hogg, a farmer of Seale, Tuscaloosa County, lost three children in a series of unusual accidents before the summer assembly on Sunday morning. The first child, a boy, was killed by a horse and mule. The second child, a girl, was killed by a horse and mule. The third child, a boy, was killed by a horse and mule.

HIDDEN PISTOL KILLS CHILD.

Falling From Behind Picture, Explodes, Sending Bullet Into Brain.

Tampa, Fla., July 27.—A revolver hanging behind a picture on the wall accidentally exploded and killed six-year-old Rosa Gray, endangering a number of persons in its course.

The picture and the pistol came down and the revolver exploded as it struck the floor, the ball entering the little girl's brain.

WEEK WILL BE DEVOTED TO SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

Program for Conference Has Been Prepared by R. E. Magill.

BY MAMIE BAYS.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Montreal, N. C., July 27.—This week marks the opening of the third period of the summer assembly of Southern Presbyterians at Montreal. During this period the conferences of the four executive committees of the general assembly will be held, and in this connection many addresses will be delivered and many facts presented in conference that will be of interest to the entire church. Each of the executive committees will present a carefully prepared program and taking part on the same will be a number of men of prominence from all parts of the church. The entire work of the general assembly is directed through the channel of the four executive committees—foreign missions, home missions, Christian education and ministerial relief and publication and Sabbath school work—and this fact increases the interest attached to the conferences of these committees, which are held annually at Montreal, and during which many facts are presented regarding the progress and development of the various interests of the church.

Magill Prepares Program.

The first of these conferences to be held is that of the executive committee of publication and Sabbath school work, and this conference will be devoted especially to the interest of the Sabbath school and work for young people. This conference will continue all of the present week. The program of this conference has been prepared under the special direction of R. E. Magill, executive secretary of publication and Sabbath school work, and Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., general superintendent of Sabbath schools and young people's societies, both residents of Richmond. Dr. Phillips will preside over the conference and will take part in the program several times. The program has been so arranged that careful attention will be given to every department of the Sabbath school. Prominent speakers from workers who are especially identified with the primary, junior, secondary, adult, parents and home and visitation departments of the Sabbath school, will be present to deliver addresses and lead discussions relative to each of these departments.

Sabbath School Facts.

The problems involved in the work of young people's societies will receive the same careful attention. Rev. Henry M. Edmunds, pastor of South Highlands Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala., delivered the address of welcome, which marked the opening of the conference on Sabbath school and young people's work. He also delivered the sermon in the auditorium before the summer assembly on Sunday morning. The first feature of this conference every day during the entire week will be the Bible hour, which will be conducted each morning by Rev. T. R. English, D. D., of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond. Lectures from the Acts of Apostles will furnish the basis of these daily lectures of Dr. English.

Sabbath School Facts.

The following facts regarding the Sabbath schools and young people's societies of the general assembly are of special interest. There are 2,931 Sabbath schools in the churches of the

assembly, and these schools have a total membership of 350,457, including officers and teachers, scholars, the cradle roll and home departments. During the past year 7,421 pupils of the Sabbath schools were admitted to the communion of the church. The Sabbath schools during the year contributed as follows to the general interests of the assembly: To foreign missions, \$37,558; to home missions, \$19,921; to Christian education and ministerial relief, \$5,107; to Sabbath school extension and publication, \$13,535; to the American Bible society, \$228; to orphan's homes, \$32,792; to current expenses of Sabbath schools, \$156,633; making a total in contributions for the year, \$268,522.

The latest figures available show that the number of young people's societies in the general assembly is 1,157, with a total membership of 26,806. These societies include those known as the Brotherhood, Covenant, Miriam, Westminster League and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. The average membership of each society is twenty-four; the average amount contributed, per member, to the assembly's causes was \$1.50, or a total of \$3,300. These figures contain encouragement regarding this special phase of the work of the church, when it is remembered that as yet 2,235 churches of the general assembly are without any young people's society. The contribution from the young people's societies to foreign missions the past year was \$11,195; to home missions, \$6,632; to local causes, \$12,467, and to other causes, \$6,274.

In view of the fact that in the general assembly there are 3,499 churches, and that less than 1,200 of these churches have a young people's organization, during the conference to be held at Montreal this week special emphasis will be laid upon the importance of the organization of these societies in the more than 2,000 churches of the assembly that have at present no organization, other than the Sabbath school, that exists especially in the interest of the development of the spiritual life of the young people of the church.

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